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Dear Requester:

This letter is in final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated 29 August, 2018 for records which pertain to directed energy weapons (DEW) being tested or used on United States citizens. Records search location is 193rd Special Operations Wing, Middletown, PA. Your request was received by the Air National Guard on August 30, 2018 and assigned case #2018-04080-F.

A search for responsive documents by knowledgeable staff in the 193rd Special Operations Wing failed to locate any documents that would be responsive to your request. The FOIA applies only to existing records and there is no requirement to create a records in order to respond to a FOIA request.

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to appeal to the Secretary of the Air Force within 90 days through this office, by writing to the Office of Information and Privacy (NGB/JA-OIP), 111 South George Mason Drive, AH2 Suite 319B, Arlington, VA 22204-1373, or by e-mail, NGB.FOIA@mail.mil. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of this response. Your appeal should include copies of your original request and this response, as well as a discussion of the reasons supporting your appeal.

For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you have the right to contact the Air Force FOIA Public Liaison Officer, Ms. Anh Trinh by mail at (SAF/CIO A6XA), 1800 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1800, by e-mail at <u>usaf.pentagon.saf-cio-a6.mbx.af-foia@mail.mil</u> or by phone at (703) 614-8500.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: NARA-OGIS, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448 or by facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

This concludes our office's processing of your request. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact my office at (844) 573-2939 or by e-mail, NGB.FOIA@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Nikolaisen

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